



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#3016  
mm  
43-03

Application No.: 09/030,710 Atty Docket: 069509/0302131  
First Named Inventor: Peter C. Chen Filing Date: February 25, 1998  
Group Art Unit: 2153 Examiner: Dung C. Dinh  
Atty. Docket No.: PCTEL-3206-1C US  
Title: Communications Interface And Conflict Avoidance Using A Software Simulation Of A UART  
Assignee: PCTEL, Inc.

RECEIVED

APR 02 2003

Technology Center 2100

March 27, 2003

BOX AF  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A system comprising:  
a computer having a processing unit, a main memory, and a local bus;  
a device coupled to the local bus, wherein the device occupies an I/O slot on the local bus and is accessible at a first set of addresses corresponding to a first communications port, and the device has a register set with an address assignment in the first set of addresses that differs from a standard address assignment of a register set for a UART corresponding to the I/O slot; and